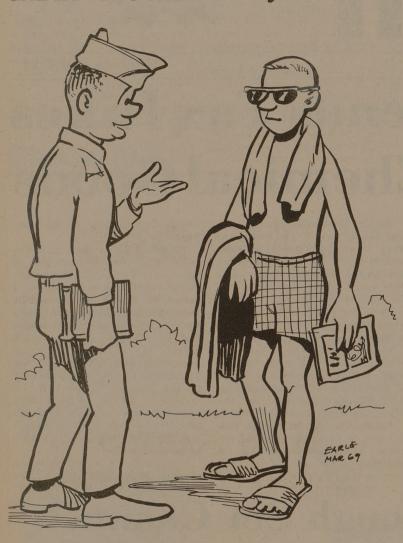
CADET SLOUCH

by Jim Earle



"That makes it official — spring is here!"

LISTEN UP the batt forum

Editor, The Battalion:

Ronnie Hubert should be president of the class of '70.

In nearly three years at A&M, I've had opportunity to work with a large number of Aggie student leaders on several councils and committees. All of them, Corps and civilian alike, are capable and hard-working. But I've never met anyone more dedicated to the accomplishment of his responsibilities than Ronnie Hubert.

Ronnie devotes himself to whatever duties his office entails. He works hard, and to my knowledge he has always made his projects successful. That's what we need!

Robert Peek Head Resident Advisor, Hart Hall President, Pi Kappa Delta Chairman, Liberal Arts Student Council

The Battalion:

I wish to challenge the inept logic of the Black Affairs Committee as set forth in the March 13 Batt. Their key goal is to have A&M "lower its entrance requirements for Negro students," which appears to be the opposite of what a colored student should want: that is, to raise himself up, and not pull the system down.

Isn't it discrimination to have separate requirements based on skin color? Would two wrongs make a right? If you really want substandards for Negroes, why not let them D.S. with only a 2.0 GPR instead of 2.25, or let blacks into the honor fraternities with just a 1.75 GPR instead of a 2.5?

Also, a completely irrevelant comparison was made between the number of Negro students and foreign scholars here at A&M. (By the way, Mr. Lewallen's numbers were considerably off-there are 570 foreign students and also many more than 40 black students!) If he doesn't know how many of his "own" people there are, how can his committee be their voice? And I ask again, what logical comparison can be made between the above two groups? Our foreign students are from 58 different countries, and if they qualify under the present standards and wish to travel halfway around

the world to study at this great school, that's their business. If some person here in Texas can't qualify to enter the school, that's just too bad. After all, coming here to study with a weak mind is like storming hell with a bucket

In closing, let me say that I don't want anyone to cheapen my A&M degree by a lowering of any standard connected with it; I say this for everyone's benefit and not for just a few because of their skin color.

Dennis Fontana '69

Senate Agenda

The following items will be considered by the Student Senate at its meeting tonight at 7:30 in the library conference room, according to Senate President Bill

- Wadley Blood Bank Presentations
- Committee Reports
- Old Business
- A. Advisory Council Recommendation
- University Regulations
- Education Committee 1. Pass-Fail
- 2. Published Professor-Course Evaluation
- Curriculum Reforms
- 4. Teaching Techniques Library Utilization
- D. Faculty Senate
- New Business A. Report on Presentation to
- the Board Election of Temporary
- Treasurer Treasurer Constitutional
- Amendment Executive Aide By-Law
- Appeals Committee
- Recommendation Miss-a-Meal Recommen-
- dation Add-Drop Procedure
- Resolution Authorized Absence for Funerals
- Student Grievance Committee
- Tennis Court Resolution Black Studies
- Senate Forum N. Fish Handbook

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the graduate

Texas A&M does actively re-

cruit students in general, particu-

larly scholars and athletes. Girls

will receive equal consideration

WHAT I believe we have here

is generally a softening attitude

toward coeducation at Texas

A&M. I can't help but believe

that in a few years A&M will

build girl's dormitories and offer

more courses that are attractive

to young women. It's a shame

that it has to be so slow. But

even this will be quite a switch

from the old days when it was

"good bull" to send a fish to

greet a coed with his "whip out"

routine or different from now,

when the ladies' room of the

Dougherty Building is emptied of

furniture to prevent coeds from

all working toward a better Tex-

as important as men in determin-

ing state budgets or industrial

developments. But one thing I

am sure of: having seen both,

the A&M with coeds is a much

more pleasant place to be than

the one without. Any better

Texas A&M of the future will be

a more pleasant place because of

studying there.

the girls, too.

for scholarships in the future.

By MITTY C. PLUMMER Coeds. Bless them all. They got here by the most peculiar course any group ever followed getting onto any campus. This

is basically how it happened, as

I was here to see it. When I came in the fall of 1961, all of the citizens of Texas. regardless of their race, religion, or gender were paying a part of their taxes to support the Agricultural and Mechanical College of Texas where only Caucasian males were permitted to enter. Yes, there were institutions of higher learning where only Negroes and only women could enter, but the money spent per student at these places was not and

still is not as much as is spent

at A&M.

AS NEAR as I can interpret, the thinking of that time and previous was that A&M was to provide officers for the Armed Forces. For their first two years at A&M, the young men who came here were required to be in the Corps of Cadets, which made up 6,500 of the college's 8,200 enrollment. The attrition rate, due in part to a below-average student body, was horrible, and as a consequence the school did not

The wives of married students either gave up degree hopes for themselves, or commuted to Sam Houston State. Commuting approximately 90 miles each day was a dangerous and needless thing. It looks like this group of women would have been the first to be admitted to A&M, but they

IN A MOVE to deflate part of Texas Tech's argument for a second Vet college in Lubbock, the Board of Directors first admitted women to the College of Veterinary medicine and to graduate study in the fall of 1963. Next, pressure from the staff and faculty resulted in the admission of the wives and daughters of faculty, staff, and students in the fall of '65. By 1966, the Board's policy admitted "(women) intending to enroll in a class, pursue a course of study, or use facilities not offered at any other Texas state-supported college or university, or be seeking an academic goal which can best be achieved at Texas A&M University."

THE NEXT step is utterly incredible. It stems from the Civil Right Act of 1964. The policy admitting just these few wives, daughters, and the properly pursuing, discriminated against all the rest of the women in Texas. And rather than revert to an allmale student body again, this restrictive policy was apparently not enforced rather than face a legal challenge of it. This more liberal interpretation of the policy of admitting women was, perhaps intentionally, not well publicized.

This spring, the Board of Directors acted to change this with next fall's University catalog. The statement says that Texas A&M is a coeducational institution, but that the University does not provide housing for single female students. The fact that there is no university housing for women should be a considerable deterrent to the approximately 900 girls from whom the Registrar has received applications for admission to A&M next fall.

These are the details of the present situation for A&M's 986 coeds. About 40 per cent are single and require housing provided by their parents or rented from the community. In President Rudder's estimate, the Board is heavily opposed to building coed dormitories. There are continuing rumors of a group of businessmen in Bryan building offcampus housing for coeds as a profit - making venture. There are such facilities available to students of both sexes at several other universities that seem to work quite well.

Nuclear Fun And Games For The Parcheesi Crowd

War is the biggest thing to hit marked secret or top secret. the country in years. Nuclear War, of course, is a game—so

So far — the game is played with two special decks of cards and an ingenious spin board. One deck of cards contains paper people (the masses) and each player receives from seven to 130 million of these unfortunates. The other deck contains carriers and warheads (up to 100 megatons) which hold the possibility of obliterating 10 million of the masses at a single detonation.

If that sounds mediocre, the spin board offers substantial gains. After a player launches President Rudder, his staff, a warhead at one of the enemy, and the Board of Directors are and assuming that it's not destroyed by an ABM (systems are as A&M. I believe this. Presithin here too-there are only two dent Rudder can give excellent in the whole deck), the aggressor reasons why coeds will never be spins the needle.

THE NEEDLE spins over a board with notations such as "dirty bomb, wipes out 10 million extra;" "secondary explosion, double the yield;" or something tame like "radiation starts fire, kills extra one million."

My companion opened us both another beer and suggested we try a game. I agreed and he

Nuclear War is fun. Nuclear dealt the cards. A few were

"We turn over the secret and top secret cards first," he offered. 'The dealer starts."

I checked my masses and found about 20 million. His first card read something like, "mysterious radiation wipes out 25 million of the opposition masses."

"BUT, I don't have 25 million." "Sorry, you lose." He raked in the cards and began dealing a new hand.

"Hey, isn't it my deal?" I ad-

"Of course not. That's one of the beauties of this game. The rules say the owner always gets to deal and I own the game." On the second hand, I mis-

if I might replay. Concentration was intense, and therefore his answer wasn't surprising. "No. This is nuclear war, and

any country who doesn't have the stuff better be ready to perish." I perished.

FOUR HOURS, eight beers, and about 3 billion masses later I finally was in position to win a game. I could tell he was low on masses, while I had about 15 million left. I had just drawn a big warhead and was deploying

a carrier when his next produced a top secret card.

"SUPER GERM," he scream and threw the card on the tall Looking up at me was a home creature which quickly ate my maining masses.

No one seems to be sure w the game originated (there a rumors that it was smuggled of a five-sided building in Wa ington), but its designer m have a clear view of human ture. And maybe a better vie of national policy.

"WHAT I like best about the game is the feature allowing final retaliation," my victor fided over the last beer, his en getting dreamy. "To really play this game, you got to get in the played a card and timidly asked

"You picture this poor de charred, broken, the last livin soul in his country, strugglin struggling, with his breath of ing in gasps." Misty eyes the beer bottle. "Then, with hi last ounce of life, he manage press the big button which of pletely destroys the enemy."

It was only a game, but it w with some relief the next that I read President Nix decision to use our ABMs to tect our retaliatory capab



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